

Sisters' S. C. E.

KNOWING AND DOING.

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"To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4: 17.

How great is the condemnation resting upon each individual who rejects these words spoken by the apostle. We must know that when we reject the plain, simple teaching of our Lord, that there is a great responsibility resting upon us. And it many times terminates in sin. It is necessary that we make preparation to do that which God has commanded us.

Luke has given the testimony proclaimed by God, that if we are negligent in doing good, when we know it is our duty to obey his precepts, we shall be beaten with many stripes. We have a vast amount of humanity who pretend they are ignorant of the fact of knowing to do good. And in a period of time, they can see the importance. But when they imply the assertion, that they can see, their sins still remains. Christ has told us through his divine inspiration that we all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Wherefore is not this a warning that we should do good.

Dear people, we cannot conceal the sins we have committed. Possibly some one will say, we can offer an excuse. But listen to what Paul says in Romans 1: 20. "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead. So that they are without excuse." In what possible way can we bring about an excuse that will give us a good result? We will receive the reply from the word of God, that none, can give a good result. If we have a desire to do good, excuses we will banish. So many individuals who are without excuse, are similar to those who knew God and glorified him not as God, neither were thankful. But in their hearts have vain imaginations, and their foolish hearts become darkened.

How easily can we see the difference of the one who does good, and one who does the opposite. Again, we must cast aside vain imaginations, lest our hearts become darkened. What great benefit can be derived in doing evil? Does it prove to be what each Christian man and woman needs to become a true follower of God? Does it lead us to a higher, nobler work in life? How well can we reply with full assurance, it does the opposite. Let us notice the benefit in doing good. Its merits are worthy of being spoken. In-

stead of producing degradation, destruction and eternal ruin, it shows to man a method wherein he can fit himself in doing that which is well pleasing in the sight of God. Wherein can we find a true success except in that of doing good. Those who have risen to an age of accountability surely should perceive whether they are on good terms with these words spoken by the apostle James. Shall we continue in heaping one sin upon the other, until our soul is in a ruined condition? Or shall we exclaim, I cannot afford to produce a multitude of sins, wherein I will be held responsible. When we know we have a duty to perform, and that which should be almost a constant one, we should see that it is properly done. Methinks, when the Apostle James investigated this passage of scripture, he thought to himself, that this would be the means of helping his people. Wherein, if we place it to a thorough test, we shall know. In Romans 1: 32, we have the following words recorded. "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

There is still further a greater condemnation resting upon individuals. Here I think the Apostle Paul has reference to our sins. So often have we committed great sins, and herein lies the consequence, that we will be worthy of death, if not repented of in due time. We have people who perceive great pleasure in seeing others committing sin. We know the result that is before us, so let us not hesitate in doing that which will lead us to know of the rich mercies of God, and wherein we wish to spend eternity.

FROM MAPLE GROVE.

It has been some time since the S. S. C. E. of Maple Grove has sent a report of the work of the society. We are growing in numbers as well as spiritually. We think the Endeavor work is a great help to the church as it brings many precious souls to Christ. When we get the members interested in the S. S. C. E., it is not so hard to get them interested in the church work. We feel it has accomplished great good in our church, and we sisters are striving to improve the work and make the work more successful in the future. May God bless us in trying to do our duty the best we can in our weakness. We have tried to carry out the program Sister Grossnickle has prepared for us for March through the EVANGELIST. We think the program a good one.

Since our last report the S. S. C. E. has lost another one of our most able

workers, that of brother Henry Younce, who died in Colorado. Though they were not with us in person they worked with us spiritually, and we hope the sisters will return to their home in the near future.

Brother Summers is with us the second Sunday evening of each month. He gave us a very interesting talk in behalf of the Endeavor work which was highly appreciated by the S. S. C. E., and all others present who are interested in the work. Brother Summers delivered three soul-cheering sermons. We received showers of blessing in his sermons. May God bless him in the effort he is putting forth in preaching the Gospel to a dying world. We were made happy during his meeting to see three precious souls come to Christ. One was from the G. B. church.

Dear sisters of the S. S. C. E. work let us be more consecrated in this grand and glorious work. In all our work this one thing should be uppermost in our minds, and that is the saving of precious souls. May God's richest blessings be with the S. S. C. E. every where.

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FROM ANKNEYTOWN, O.

As there has been no report from S. S. C. E. at Ankneytown, I concluded to let you know what we are doing. The work is moving along nicely. We meet every two weeks on Wednesday afternoons to make articles to sell. We have been making a fancy comforter and slumber robe and sofa pillow and carpet. We hope to have them ready for sale by the middle of April. We want to get new carpet for our church. We have hired Brother Grisso for the coming year, and we are well pleased. May much good be done while he is among us is my prayer. Sister Grossnickle was with us in January. God bless Sister Grossnickle in the good cause, and last, give her a home in heaven. I think the S. S. C. E. an organization in which much good may be done, if we all do what we can find to do for the good of the cause. God bless the Sister's Society where they may be, and may it be the means of bringing many souls to Christ. Yours in hope of eternal life.

A SISTER.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in his wisdom and mercy to call from our midst our dear sister Elizabeth Rose, who was loved by all who knew her, and was among the latest enrolled on the church and S. S. C. E. records, and the first one from the S. S. C. E., of